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1. WE BELIEVE SENATOR BYRD WOULD FIND A VISIT TO SPAIN INTERESTING AND USEFUL AND THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US HERE TO HAVE THE SENATOR EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEADING SPANISH POLITICAL FIGURES. WE HAVE JUST ENJOYED A VISIT BY CODEL BURTON (MADRID 6241, NOTAL) WHICH PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON SPANISH POLITICAL EVOLUTION, BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND POSSIBLE SPANISH ENTRY INTO NATO. DURING A ONE-DAY VISIT BY SENATOR BYRD, WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO HIT SOME OF THE SAME HIGHLIGHTS, FOCUSSING ON CALLS AT THE TOP LEVEL OF THE GOS, HOPEFULLY INCLUDING THE KING AND PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ, AND IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH SELECTED POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS.

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2. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT A VISIT TO SPAIN BE BILLED AS DEMONSTRATING SENATE SUPPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S NATO POLICY, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. COMING ON THE HEELS OF VISITS TO NATO CAPITALS DURING WHICH THE SENATOR WOULD HAVE EXPLICITLY SUPPORTED THE ADMIN-ISTRATION'S NATO POLICIES, ANY HIGHLIGHTING OF THE SPAIN-NATO QUESTION WOULD DRAW ADDITIONAL CHARGES ON THE PART OF

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OPPONENTS OF SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO TO UNACCEPTABLE
U.S. PRESSURE ON SPAIN TO MAKE AN EARLY DECISION. SUCH A
RESULT COULD WELL PROVE EMBARRASSING AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE
TO THE GOS IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP OPINION FAVORABLE
TO ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP. EATON

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